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*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) No amount has been sanctioned.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The application of the District Board will be considered in connexion with the Budget for 1934–35 and if sanctioned, the work is expected to be completed in 1935–36. The total cost is estimated at Rs. 1,81,000.

Mr. BASHEER AHAMED SAYEED:—" May I know when the application from the district board was received and when the amount will be sanctioned? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I cannot give the exact date of receipt of the application. The application has been received and will be considered in connexion with the budget for 1934–35."

*Construction of a bridge across the Amaravathi between Dharapuram and Alangiam.*

* 282 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount was sanctioned to the district board of Coimbatore for the construction of a bridge across the Amaravathi between Dharapuram and Alangiam;

(*b*) if so, what the amount is and when the same was sanctioned;

(*c*) whether the bridge has been since constructed; and

(*d*) if not, what stage the construction has reached and when it will be completed?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) No amount has been sanctioned.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I request the hon. Minister to call for information in regard to clause (*d*) and place it before the Council? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As far as I am aware, no work has been started."

**Religious and Charitable Endowments**

*Detailed statement regarding Muslim endowments.*

* 283 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have prepared any statement showing detailed information regarding Muslim endowments under the following heads:—

(1) Name of original donor; (2) name of donee; (3) extent; (4) name of institution; and (5) the present enjoyer?

*A.*—No.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know whether the Government will call for the information? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" All the information available was placed in the Council Library in connexion with a question answered in October last."

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S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know whether the hon. the Chief Minister is aware of the fact that information placed in the Council Library is practically nil? In view of the fact that the number of endowments exceeds thousands, will he be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"All the information available with Government has been placed on the table. I am afraid it is not possible to collect more information or place the matter on a satisfactory basis without legislation."

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—"May I ask whether he is aware of the fact that, on a previous occasion in reply to a similar question, the Government stated that they were considering the question of preparing such a statement?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"We have considered the matter and we have collected what information was available with the Collectors."

## Provincial Finance

*Capital borrowed for the Mettur Scheme and measures for its repayment.*

* 284 *Q.*—Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have borrowed money for the Mettur Scheme from the Government of India; if so, how much and at what rate of interest; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any steps to repay such debts by borrowing at the lower prevailing rate of interest?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes, as below:—

| Year. | Rate of interest. | Amount of loan taken. |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| | PER CENT. | LAKHS. |
| | | RS. |
| 1925–26 .. .. .. .. | 5·50 | 4·71 |
| 1926–27 .. .. .. .. | 5·00 | 100·00 |
| 1927–28 .. .. .. .. | 5·00 | 87·39 |
| 1928–29 .. .. .. .. | 5·00 | 77·85 |
| 1929–30 .. .. .. .. | 5·50 | 96·00 |
| 1930–31 .. .. .. .. | 6·25 | 100·00 |
| 1931–32 .. .. .. .. | 6·25 | 47·00 |
| 1932–33 .. .. .. .. | 5·50 | 100·38 |
| | | 613·33 |

(*b*) Under the rules governing the Provincial Loans Fund of the Government of India, from which loans are advanced to Provincial Governments, the rate of interest originally fixed on loans advanced in a particular year is not altered except in special circumstances, such as the favourable conversion of the Government of India's borrowings of that year in a subsequent year. In view of the loans floated by